


Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: November 4, 2011
TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren
FROM: Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development 
RE: Friday Report
CC: Board of Aldermen
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

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| Monday 11/7/11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Planning & Development Board, 7:30 p.m., Room 209 |
| Tuesday 11/8/11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Economic Development Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 209Auburndale Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 202 |
| Wednesday 11/9/11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Newton Housing Partnership, cancelledBike Newton, 7:00 p.m., Brigham House, 20 Hartford Street, Newton Highlands |
| Thursday 11/10/11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission, cancelled |

- **Planning & Development Board:** The Planning and Development Board is meeting on **Monday, November 7th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209. The agenda items are as follows: Review of the October meeting minutes; Discussion and action on Cornerstone Development Corporation's request for a one-year extension of relief of Condition 4, to complete the final roadway improvements (paving) to Kessler Way; and Updates on new arrangements with the Zoning and Planning Board. **Contact Anne Marie Belrose at 617.796.1130 or abelrose@newtonma.gov.**
- **Economic Development Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, November 8th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209. The agenda includes updates from the Subcommittee on Existing Business Support and the Subcommittee on Business Attraction. In light of Election Day, the meeting will end promptly at 9:00 p.m. **Contact Amanda Stout at 617.796.1127 or astout@newtonma.gov.**
- **Auburndale Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, November 8th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202. Items on the agenda include: **216 Woodland Road**, request to replace roof-top air conditioning units and install new roof top chiller and roof top air handler; and an administrative discussion to approve meeting minutes. **Contact Brian Lever at 617.796.1129 or blever@newtonma.gov.**
- **Bike Newton:** Bike Newton Steering Committee meeting will be held **Wednesday, November 9th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Brigham House, 20 Hartford Street in Newton Highlands. The Committee will be discussing the Newton Bike Map, website redesign, collaboration with Newton schools, and adapting a Danish brochure on bicycling for school age kids. **Contact Steve Heinrichs at sheinr41423@aol.com.**
- **Zoning Reform Group:** The Group held a well-attended public meeting on **Thursday, November 3rd** at the Newton Senior Center. Many thanks to Alderman Deb Crossley for chairing this group. Its final recommendations are anticipated by the end of this year. To view the presentation, visit our website at www.newtonma.gov/Planning/Department_services.htm. Additional comments are welcome! Contact Seth Zeren at 617.796.1145, szeren@newtonma.gov and Jennifer Molinsky at 617.796.1131, jmolinsky@newtonma.gov.
- **Metropolitan Planning Organization:** At the October 26, 2011 MAPC Fall Meeting, Newton and Everett were elected for the two available at-large City seats. Newton received the highest number of votes and will serve a four-year term on the restructured MPO board, which makes decisions on regional transportation and planning matters. Everett will serve a three year term. As of November 1, 2011, the following are voting members of the MPO: MassDOT, MBTA, MBTA Advisory Board, Massport, MAPC, Regional Transportation Advisory Council, the Cities of Beverly, Boston, Braintree, Everett, Newton,

Somerville, and Woburn, and the Towns of Arlington, Bedford, Framingham, Lexington, Medway, and Norwood. **Contact David Koses at 617.796.1133 or dkoses@newtonma.gov.**

- **Community Preservation Committee: Happy 10th Birthday, Newton CPA!**



Come to our first neighborhood birthday party, for **Newton Corner, Nonantum, and Newtonville, 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, November 15th**, in the Newton North High School Film Lecture Hall (enter from the front lobby). **Refreshments provided!** Meet the Community Preservation Committee, ask questions about the program, comment on past projects, and use our interactive maps to share your ideas for future projects.

See www.newtonma.gov/cpa or contact **Alice E. Ingerson, Community Preservation Program Manager at 617.796.1144 or aingerson@newtonma.gov.**

- **Newton Housing Partnership:** The Partnership's meeting on Wednesday, November 9th has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 15th. **Contact Robert Muollo, Jr. at 617.7906.1146 or rmuollo@newtonma.gov.**
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** The November meeting of the Commission has been cancelled; the next scheduled meeting is December 8th. **Contact Katy Holmes at 617.796.1143 or kholmes@newtonma.gov.**
- **FY11 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs grant submitted to HUD:** The Planning and Development Department submitted an application for federal Continuum of Care funds for the Brookline-Newton-Waltham-Watertown Homelessness Consortium this week. The City of Newton is the lead entity for the Consortium. The application for \$1,441,789 was submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and includes renewal requests for 14 projects totaling \$1,248,657 and one new request for a permanent supportive housing project for 10 chronically homeless individuals for \$193,132. Of the total funds requested, \$790,082 is for Newton-based projects whose applicants include Advocates, Inc., Citizens for Affordable Housing in Newton Development Organization, Inc. and The Second Step. The purpose of the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Programs is to reduce homelessness by providing housing and supportive services to homeless individuals and families enabling them move to self-sufficiency and permanent housing. For more information about the grant, **contact Trisha Guditz at 617.796.1156 or tguditz@newtonma.gov.**
- **"Envisioning West Newton Village and Washington Street":** On Thursday, October 20th, the class of MIT graduate students that is studying West Newton presented their preliminary findings at a well-attended meeting in the Aldermanic Chamber. Their presentation included analysis on land use and zoning, parking and transportation, and economic development. A PDF of the first presentation is available to download on the City website here: <http://www.newtonma.gov/westnewton/>. The students will host a second public meeting to present their final recommendations on **Thursday, December 1st. Contact Amanda Stout at 617.796.1127 or astout@newtonma.gov.** The students are still seeking feedback and can be contacted directly at 11.360@mit.edu.